



PATENT

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Examiner: H.C. Rickman

For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MANUFACTURING PROCESS  
OF THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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## SMALL ENTITY

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

OR

## OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

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x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.